

**OBSTACLES TO IRAQI PARTICIPATION
IN AREA DEFENSE**

I. Iraqi government favors regional pact:

- A. Aware of Soviet danger.
- B. Wants US-UK aid in army build-up.
- C. Favors Turk-Pakistan pact.

II. Obstacles blocking defense participation:

- A. Local politics: dissension between Crown Prince and Nuri Said. Threatens pro-Western Prime Minister Jamali.
- B. Anti-Western sentiment: forces Jamali deny seeking US aid and area pact.
- C. Pressure from other Arab states:
 - 1. General opposition to military tie with West.
 - 2. Egypt against strengthening rival Iraq.
 - 3. Syria opposes.

III. Anticipated developments:

- A. Iraq will procrastinate on pact.
- B. Will get stiff opposition to US aid.
- C. Will stick publicly with Arab League